

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**NOTICE**

**Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code is  
due to expire on January 1, 2004.**

New Chapter 12 cases cannot be filed on or after January 1, 2004. In addition, cases filed prior to that date may not be converted to a chapter 12 after that date. However, any chapter 12 cases filed before January 1, 2004, and all matters or proceedings to those cases will be conducted as if chapter 12 did not expire.

There are several bills before the Congress that may affect the status of chapter 12. We will post notices at the front counter at each of our divisional offices and on our web site at [www.txeb.uscourts.gov](http://www.txeb.uscourts.gov) as further information becomes available.

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**JAMES D. TOKOPH**  
Clerk of Court